



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1619

Examiner: S. Sharareh

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For: USE OF ELLAGIC ACID AND ITS DERIVATIVES
IN COSMETICS AND DERMATOLOGY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

--70. (New) A method for improving dermis-epidermis cohesion in a subject in need thereof, comprising the steps of:

determining an area of the epidermis of the subject in which cohesion appears to be deficient; and

applying to said area a composition containing an amount of an ellagic acid component selected from the group

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